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## Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, November 18, 2013, at 2 p.m.

## House of Representatives

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2013

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. WOMACK).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
November 15, 2013.

I hereby appoint the Honorable STEVE WOMACK to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

JOHN A. BOEHNER,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

Reverend Oran Warder, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Alexandria, Virginia, offered the following prayer:

Blessed are You, God of the universe. You have created us and given us life.

Blessed are You, God of this Earth. You have set our world like a radiant jewel in the heavens and filled it with beauty and hope.

Blessed are You, God of these United States of America, for all the lessons of our past, for all that remains for us to do.

Blessed are You, God of truth and justice. Guide the men and women of this House of Representatives. Grant them insight, courage, compassion, and imagination. Protect them from corruption and arrogance, and grant that we whom they seek to serve may give them the support that they need.

Increase our trust in one another. Strengthen our quest for justice, and

bring us to unity and a common purpose.

Blessed are You, God of the universe, and blessed are we, Your people.  
Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. HOLDING. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. HOLDING. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from California (Mr. MCCLINTOCK) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MCCLINTOCK led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

### OBAMACARE

(Mr. MCCLINTOCK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, yesterday we heard yet another empty promise from the President that, by fiat, he can delay provisions of law under ObamaCare that have already cost a staggering 5 million Americans their health insurance.

Now, notice that he has not changed the law. He has simply said that he will ignore the law, and he invites health insurers to do the same.

This is a constitutional abomination. We live in a nation of laws and not of men. The principal constitutional responsibility of the President is to take care that the laws be faithfully executed. If a law is bad, we change that law. We don't ignore it.

As a practical matter, the President's announcement has no effect. Since the law hasn't changed, the criminal and civil liability that a

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